

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/17/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,7,9 and 10.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward Kriegsman on October 27, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1:

A device for insertion into a body cavity to selectively transport liquids to and from said body cavity, comprising:

a tube comprising a lumen which traverses from an interior of said body cavity to an exterior of said body cavity, said tube having a first end and a second end, said second end having an enlargement for anchoring said second end of said tube within a body cavity;

an anchoring device that is attached to said first end of said tube, wherein said anchoring device comprises a housing, and an elongated connector member having a lumen extending from a first end of said elongated connector member to a second end of said elongated connector member, said elongated connector member being pivotally mounted to said housing to permit movement between a first position in which said elongated connector member is positioned substantially parallel to said tube to align said lumen of said elongated connecting member with said lumen of said tube to permit

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transportation of liquids to and from said body cavity and a second position in which said elongated connector member is positioned substantially perpendicular to said tube to prevent alignment of said lumen of said elongated connecting member with said lumen of said tube to prevent transportation of liquids to and from said body cavity, wherein said housing of said anchoring device comprises a channel therein, and wherein, when said elongated connecting member is alternately pivoted to prevent alignment of said lumen of said elongated connecting member with said lumen of said tube, said elongated connecting member rests in said channel.

Claim 2:

A device for insertion into a body cavity to selectively transport liquids to and from said body cavity as described in Claim 1, wherein, when said elongated connecting member is alternately pivoted to prevent alignment of said lumen of said elongated connecting member with said lumen of said tube holding mechanism, said elongated connecting member covers an opening of said lumen of said tube.

Claim 3:

A device for insertion into a body cavity to selectively transport liquids to and from said body cavity as described in Claim 1, wherein, when said elongated connecting member is alternately pivoted to prevent alignment of said lumen of said elongated connecting member with said lumen of said tube holding mechanism, said elongated connecting member extends beyond an end of said housing.

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Claim 7:

A device for insertion into a body cavity to selectively transport liquids to and from said body cavity as described in Claim 3, ~~wherein said housing of said anchoring device comprises a channel therein, and~~ wherein, when said elongated connecting member is alternately pivoted to prevent alignment of said lumen of said elongated connecting member with said lumen of said tube holding mechanism, said elongated connecting member rests in said channel and extends beyond an end of said chnnnel.

Cancel claims 5, 6, 8, and 15-20

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew F DeSanto whose telephone number is 1-703-305-3292. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick LUCCHESI can be reached on (703) 308-2698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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